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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/255,777
Filing Date	February 23, 1999
First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI
Group Art Unit	2812
Examiner Name	R. Booth
Attorney Docket Number	740756-1936

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	10/21/2002 SSESHE1 00000108 09255777	740.00 OP
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	02 FC:1202	180.00 OP
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)		
iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

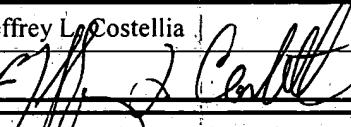
2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other Extra claims fee in the amount of \$180.00
- b. Check in the amount of \$ 1,030.00 enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature			
Date	October 18, 2002		

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FEES TRANSMITTAL FOR FY 2002

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT	(\\$) 1,030
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Deposit Account Number **19-2380**

Deposit Account Name **Nixon Peabody LLP**

Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. Payment Enclosed:

Check Credit Card Money Order Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	740	2001 370	Utility filing fee
1002	330	2002 165	Design filing fee
1003	510	2003 255	Plant filing fee
1004	740	2004 370	Reissue filing fee
1005	160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) **0**

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
76	-66** =	10 X 18.00	= 180
Independent Claims	-3** =		= 0
Multiple Dependent			= 0

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description
1202	18	2202 9
1201	84	2201 42
1203	280	2203 140
1204	84	2204 42
1205	18	2205 9

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) **180**

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	130	1053 130	Non-English transaction
1812	2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
1804	920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	400	2252 200	Extension for reply within second month
1253	920	2253 460	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,440	2254 720	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	1,960	2255 980	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal
1402	320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451 1,510	Pétition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,280	2453 640	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,280	2501 640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	460	2502 230	Design issue fee
1503	620	2503 310	Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	740	2809 370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	740	2810 370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b))
1801	740	2801 370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify)			

* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

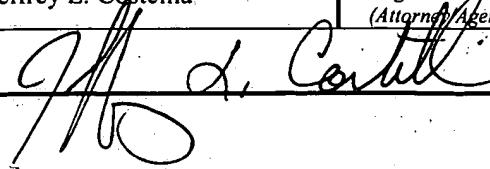
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